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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PEREZ CRITICIZES US IN OPENING ADDRESS TO  
HABITAT PREPARATORY CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY. IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS TO A REGIONAL UN MEETING IN  
CARACAS ON JUNE 30, PRESIDENT PEREZ CRITICIZED SECRETARY  
KISSINGER FOR OPPOSING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND  
FOR FAILING TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH CONCRETE ACTIONS ON HIS HOUSTON  
SPEECH PROPOSALS FOR INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN  
THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD. PEREZ ACCUSED THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS  
OF "HYPROCRISY" AND "IRRESPONSIBILITY" IN THEIR APPROACH TO  
IMPROVING CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. END

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SUMMARY.

1. ON JUNE 30, VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, WHO SPOKE FOR NEARLY AN HOUR WITHOUT NOTES, OPENING THE LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR NEXT YEAR'S UN HABITAT CONFERENCE BY DECLARING THAT THE PROBLEMS OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE WERE ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL. HIS SPEECH WAS VINTAGE PEREZ, CHARGING THE "GREAT NATIONS" OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD WITH "EGOISM", WITH "INDIFFERENCE" TOWARDS THE LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WITH HOLDING BACK TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE FROM THE POORER NATIONS, AND WITH PERPETUATING HISEQUILIBRIUM IN THE TERMS OF WORLD TRADE. HE ACCUSED TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES OF BEING INDIFFERENT TO CONTAMINATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.
  2. IN AN APPARENT ALLUSION TO THE RECENT BRAZILIAN/FRG NUCLEAR AGREEMENT, PEREZ STATED THAT THE WORLD IS THREATENED NOT ONLY BY INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION BUT ALSO BY TERRIBLE NUCLEAR DANGERS. HE NOTED THAT NOT ALL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAD YET SUBSCRIBED TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND THAT THE WORLD'S LEADING POWERS HAD FAILED TO DO AWAY WITH NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS.
  3. IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, PEREZ LAMANETED THAT THERE WAS NO LATIN AMERICAN FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND THAT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE HAD FAILED TO DEVELOP THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO HELP NATIONS CARRY OUT THEIR OWN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.
  4. PEREZ MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THAT WHILE THE US SECRETARY OF STATE IN HIS HOUSTON SPEECH HAD MADE PROPOSALS FOR INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD, HE HAD NOT FOLLOWED THROUGH ON THEM. SINCE THE US HAD SUBSEQUENTLY FORGOTTEN THESE PROPOSALS, PEREZ CHARGED THE SECRETARY WITH MAKING THEM PURELY FOR MOMENTARY POLITICAL ADVANTAGE. PEREZ ALSO REGRETTED THAT "A CERTAIN GREAT STATESMAN" HAD RECENTLY DECLARED THAT THE OLD ECONOMIC ORDER HAD SERVED THE WORLD WELL. ON THE CONTRARY, PEREZ STATED, THE OLD ORDER HAD SERVED THE INTERESTS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD BUT NOT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTIRES.
  5. ADMITTING THAT HE HAD BEEN "VERY FRANK" IN HIS REMAKRS, PEREZ CLOSED BY CALLING FOR "COMPLETE HONESTY" IN THE SEARCH FOR INTERNATIONAL HARMONY. HE SAID THAT HYPROCRISY WOULD CREATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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- CONFRONTATION AND THAT CONFRONTATION WOULD NOT LEAD TO IMPROVEMENTS IN THE QUALITY OF HUMAN LIFE. END UNCLASSIFIED.
6. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
- COMMENT: PEREZ'S INJECTION INTO THIS HIGHLY SPECIALIZED MEETING OF STRIDENT CRITICISM OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND ESPECIALLY THE US AS WELL AS OF DEMANDS FOR A NEW ECONOMIC WORLD ORDER STRUCK USDEL AS GRATUITOUS IF NOT INSULTING.

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